

## Redeemed Through the Waters of Creation Part 2

**Intro Song:** "Release" by Noelle Garcia

**Intro Prayer:**

- For the suffering souls in purgatory, may God cleanse them of their iniquity and unite them into the beatific vision
- For the conversion of sinner
- For the unification of all believers into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church!
- For those who are displaced, and suffering, due to disaster, violence, and unrest. May God , who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness... grant them peace, and provide for all of their needs.
- For our lenten journey to Calvary, may we have the courage to live as Saints today, and to Love Our Lord with all our hearts!

Hail Mary....

▪ **Baptism In The Economy of Salvation 1217 - 1284**

**CCC 1217** In the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, during the *blessing of the baptismal water*, the Church solemnly commemorates the great events in salvation history that already prefigured the mystery of Baptism:

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs,  
which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.

In Baptism we use your gift of water,  
which you have made a rich symbol  
of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

**CCC 1218** Since the beginning of the world, water, so humble and wonderful a creature, has been the source of life and fruitfulness. Sacred Scripture sees it as "overshadowed" by the Spirit of God:

At the very dawn of creation  
your Spirit breathed on the waters,  
making them the wellspring of all holiness.

**CCC 1219** The Church has seen in Noah's ark a prefiguring of salvation by Baptism, for by it "a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water":

The waters of the great flood  
you made a sign of the waters of Baptism,  
that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

**CCC 1220** If water springing up from the earth symbolizes life, the water of the sea is a symbol of death and so can represent the mystery of the cross. By this symbolism Baptism signifies communion with Christ's death.

**CCC 1221** But above all, the crossing of the Red Sea, literally the liberation of Israel from the slavery of Egypt, announces the liberation wrought by Baptism:

You freed the children of Abraham from the slavery of Pharaoh,  
bringing them dry-shod through the waters of the Red Sea,  
to be an image of the people set free in Baptism.

**CCC 1222** Finally, Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the People of God received the gift of the land promised to Abraham's descendants, an image of eternal life. The promise of this blessed inheritance is fulfilled in the New Covenant.

- **Exploring the Link of Death & Resurrection in Baptism**
  - **St. Paul From Romans 6: 3 - 5**
    - **The washing away of sins**
    - **The unification to Chris on the Cross**
    - **A Resurrection ON THE 3rd DAY**

[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

[4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

we too might walk in newness of life.

[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

▪ **There's only ONE SIGN for an evil & adulterous generation!**

- **St. Matthew 12: 38 - 41**

- **The "Stiff-Necked" people, with hard hearts, accuse Jesus of being possessed by the Devil himself.**
  - **Jonah too was a Prophet of a "Stiff-Necked" people - worshipping the Cafes set up in NEW high places by the Samaritan Kings.**
  - **God warned them... but they TOO would NOT listen!**
- **They ask for a sign... the sign given is Jonah**
- **Jonah preached to the Nenevites (assyria)**
  - **They repented & called a fast**
  - **God withheld his judgment**
  - **Less than 40 years later...God used the Assyrians to destroy the 10 northern tribes of Israel**
- **Jonah "went down" into the depths**
  - **on the 3rd Day he AROSE & went to the Gentiles of Neneveh**
- **Jesus "Went down" into the depths**
  - **On the 3rd day he AROSE & his Church went toe the Gentiles of Rome**
- **Judgement is coming in 40 years for an evil and adulterous generation... just as it did in Jonah's day!**

**St. Matthew 12: 38 - 41**

[38] Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him,

"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

[39] But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

[40] For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

[41] The men of Nin'evah will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

- **The "Death & Resurrection" of Jonah the Prophet!**
  - Jonah is told by God to "Arise" and go to Nineveh to warn them of coming destruction if they DON't repent.

**Ch. 1:** [1] Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amit'tai, saying,

[2] "Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."

- What does he do instead?
  - He "GOES DOWN"
  - He Runs from the Lord! What kind of a Prophet runs from the Lord?

**Ch. 1:** [3] But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD

- We see the same old ingredients...
  - The Man
  - The Water
  - The Wind

**Ch.1:** [4] But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.

- Does Jonah turn his heart back to God? Does the Hebrew fear God?
  - NO... instead he "Goes Down" further!
  - Look who fears the Lord?
    - The Gentile Sailors!

**Ch. 1: [5]** Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god; and they threw the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep.

**[6]** So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."

- The Gentiles Feared the Lord, & didn't want to shed innocent blood
  - They cast lots and it falls to Jonah... Jonah tells them who he is and that he's running!
  - Notice the Gen. 1 language in Verse 9
    - "the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."
  - They grow exceedingly AFRAID
  - Jonah BEGS to be thrown overboard
    - Why? So he can DIE
    - Why? Better dead than to betray his countrymen!
  - in Verse 13 the men try to avoid throwing him in by rowing harder... to no avail... the tempest grows stronger!

**Ch. 1: [14]** Therefore they cried to the LORD, "We beseech thee, O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood; for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee."

**[15]** So they took up Jonah and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging.

**[16]** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

[17] And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days and three nights**.

- Instead of ARISING... Jonah keeps "GOING DOWN" in Ch. 2
  - Down to the depths of Sheol in the Belly of the APPOINTED Fish!
  - Jonah proclaims a Todah Psalm...
    - Much like Psalm 22
    - Starts off in lamenting
    - Prays to LIVE
    - Ends in Praising God before ALL!
  - Notice the "BARS" of Sheol will NOT prevail against him in Verse 6
    - This is a fantastic link to Matthew 16
      - [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.

**Ch. 2:** [9] But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to thee; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"

[10] And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

- Jonah is Resurrected after 3 Days!
  - Ch, 1 verse 17 - 3 Days & 3 Nights
  - Notice the elements
    - Man is placed on land

- Like Adam in the Garden
- Like Noah on the Mountain
- Like Christ at the Right hand of the Father?
- Finally Jonah ARISES!

**Ch. 3:** [1] Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

[2] "Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

[3] So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

- Jonah ARISES, preaches, and waits for the destruction of the Ninevites!
  - Instead of their destruction, they repent
  - The King ARISES, dons sackcloth, and sits in ashes, proclaims a fast!
    - Jonah sits in the shade and comfort
    - is EXCEEDINGLY Angry
    - Laments against the Lord
      - Begs for death again!
  - Jonah knew that God would be:
    - Gracious
    - Merciful
    - Slow to Anger
      - 3-fold characteristics of God announced by Moses after the Golden Calf.
  - Jonah knew God would relent and accept their

repentance...

- HE KNEW that this King would then go on to destroy HIS people.
  - He would have rather died than to have allowed that to happen...
    - Let alone have been apart of helping that happen!

- Jesus the NEW & Greater Jonah

### Matthew 8:

[23] And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

[24] And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

[25] And they went and woke him, saying, "Save, Lord; we are perishing."

[26] And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

[27] And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

### ▪ **Notice the similarities:**

- Both on a Ship
- The Tempest
- Frightened Sailors
- a "Prophet" asleep on the boat
- The sailors beg to have their lives saved



- The Prophet acts and the seas are calmed
- The Sailors marvel!
- **Notice also:**
  - The Sailors "Cast lots"
  - The Sailors give "Thanks" to God
  - The Sailors offer a "Sacrifice" to God.
- **Sounds like a boat full of Priest's to me...**
  - Then what does that make Jesus' apostles?